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Chicopee’s regional vaccine site a reality

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – Four neighboring communities celebrated together on April 28, as a regional vaccination site began operating out of the Castle of Knights in Chicopee, on Memorial Drive. The opening served as a tremendous accomplishment for all involved.

The clinic will administer state-allotted doses of the Moderna vaccine to residents from Chicopee, Granby, Holyoke and South Hadley, and has the capacity to administer 800 shots a day.

After several weeks of discussions, the Department of Public Health approved the regional vaccination site at the Castle of Knights in late March.

Doses, however, were slow to follow. The operation remained uncertain until an opening date was announced in mid-April.

Weeks of waiting culminated in the April 28 opening, which drove Chicopee Health Director Lisa Sanders to tears.

“I’m so excited today. I’m used to being at this podium and telling you guys all the active cases we have, but it’s so

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Holyoke Community College nursing students Shauna Martinez, Matthew Tetreault, Veronica Machuca, Edward Brewer prepare for the first day of the regional vaccination clinic that is operating at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee.

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Sikhism celebrated in Chicopee



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CHICOPEE – On the morning of April 26, a flag was raised in downtown Chicopee to honor the city’s Sikh population. It was the first time the municipality raised the Sikh Nation flag.

“Today is a very special day; it’s a day of firsts,” said Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, adding that Sikhs, “contribute to the economy of the United States as farmers, engineers, doctors, scientists and business owners.”

Members of Sikh Nation arrived at Market Square in front of Chicopee Hall on Springfield Street last Tuesday to witness the flag-raising.

Gurninder Dhaliwal emigrated to Holyoke in 2002; he spoke about his experiences in the United States post-9/11.

“Being a small businessman, it was very hard that when people see me, some of them started calling me Bin Laden,” said Dhaliwal. “After 9/11, a lot of American folks thought we were Muslim because we wear a turban and our beards in public. I was wondering how I can express myself.”

Sikhism was founded around 1,500 CE, when Guru Nanak began teaching a faith that contrasted with Hinduism and Islam.

To this day, Dhaliwal said that people confuse the religions; he hopes that the flag’s

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COVID case counts trend positively

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CHICOPEE – Progress is being made as Chicopee battles the spread of COVID-19. Case counts are down, multiple vaccine distribution sites are operational, and the city is inching closer to attaining that elusive sense of normalcy.

During his May 4 briefing, Mayor John Vieau relayed a positive observation he made at the city’s municipal COVID-19 testing site, which is active at the RiverMills Senior Center at 5 West Main St. from 8 a.m. until noon every Monday and Wednesday.

“We went through just over 40 tests on Monday, and I can proudly say for the first time since we opened our test site, it is a small sample, that we had no positives out of the almost 40 people who went through on Monday morning,” said Vieau, on Tuesday evening.

All residents, who feel that they might have been exposed to COVID-19, are en-

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Fire ceremonies honor heroes, new recruits

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – Members of the Chicopee Fire Department were recognized during multiple ceremonies that occurred in the city earlier this week.

On May 3, nine new recruits were sworn in as firefighters in the City Hall auditorium. The following day, State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey presented an award to nine other department members, who risked their lives during a 2019 rescue on the Chicopee River.

Monday morning's ceremony was among the first to have occurred in the newly-renovated City Hall auditorium since it reopened in March. Mayor John Vieau was on hand to welcome the department's newest members.

Those sworn in on May 3 include Firefighters Steven Hupfer, Mason Labonte, Sam Laurin, Benjamin Lawlor, Trevor McKenna, Shawn Miller, Jonathan Pasternak, Devan Stamborski and James Sydorak.

The moment was extra special for Fire Chief Dan Stamborski, whose son Devan was sworn in. Devan follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, a Chicopee firefighter for 28 years.

"Proud is an understatement. He's always been the type of kid that I knew would fit in here. He's real mechanical, he's intelligent and he's good in an emergency situation, so I'm very proud to have him here. He has a long road ahead of him, a lot of training, a lot of studying, but I'm confident he'll do a good job," said Stamborski.

On May 4, Deputy Chief Wayne Lemay, Capt. Peter Jerusik, Lt. Nicholas Lacasse, Lt. Daniel Sousa, and firefighters Donald Grey, Jon Fisher, Steven Laurin, Zachary Pirog and Stephan Willett were awarded for the 2019 rescue effort.

In late December 2019, two boys fell through the ice on the Chicopee River. The



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On May 4, Deputy Chief Wayne Lemay, Captain Peter Jerusik, Lt. Nicholas Lacasse, Lt. Daniel Sousa, FF Donald Grey, FF Jon Fisher, FF Steven Laurin, FF Zachary Pirog and FF Stephan Willett were recognized by the state for a 2019 river rescue.

department members, who were awarded by Ostroskey on Tuesday, rushed to the scene, took to the water and rescued one of the children, who would later succumb to his wounds.

The second child was also killed as a result of the incident, but the bravery displayed caught the attention of Ostroskey and other state officials. Ostroskey complimented the awardees on their humble attitudes.

"It's really awe-inspiring and compelling to see the work that goes on out there. We always kind of kid each other about the audience," said Ostroskey. "This is about the most unwilling audience of recipients that we'll ever find because we, in the fire service, don't come to work each day to be recognized in this way. We come to work each day to work as part of a team and join in an effort that's bigger than ourselves as individuals."

Jerusik appreciated Ostroskey's gesture but acknowledged that no award will bring back the children who lost their lives on the river. He believes that it is critical for everyone to keep the deceased in their thoughts.

"It's extremely important to keep their memory alive. I have a 9-year-old daughter myself, and without the memories of these tragedies, it's very easy for people



The majority of the Chicopee Fire Department stood at attention on Tuesday afternoon as State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey awarded nine members of the department.

to not believe that it can occur to them," said Jerusik. "When you memorialize the tragedies that have occurred, it makes a connection to more people. Hopefully, that will keep more people safe by realizing it can happen to them."

Jerusik relied on his experience in the U.S. Army and Fire Academy to navigate the river that day. Despite his continued extensive training, Jerusik approaches frozen rivers with the utmost caution.

"The safest rule I would ever follow, and I do with my child, is to stay off of the ice," said Jerusik. "Whether water is moving or not moving, you never know; there could be a natural spring underneath it or moving water could affect the thickness of the ice. As a general rule, unless you're

some form of expert, stay off the ice."

In February, 11-year-old Aiden Blanchard fell through the ice of the Connecticut River. After a two-month search, his body was recovered last month.

Stamborski relayed a similar message as Jerusik, reminding residents that flowing river water is much different than standing lake water.

"When you have moving water, that's where you have different thicknesses of ice so we try to do some community outreach and some training in that regard," said Stamborski. "As far as on our end, all we can do is do what we do, which is train every day and train with rescue techniques, train with the boats, train with the ice sled, and that's all we can do; be prepared for it."



State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey shakes the hand of Chicopee Fire Captain Peter Jerusik on May 4.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY CHICOPEE FIRE LT. KATIE KALBAUGH

Firefighters Steven Hupfer, Mason Labonte, Sam Laurin, Benjamin Lawlor, Trevor McKenna, Shawn Miller, Jonathan Pasternak, Devan Stamborski and James Sydorak were sworn into the Chicopee Fire Department on May 3.



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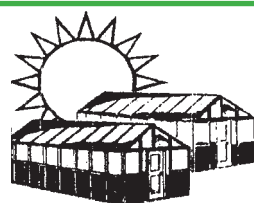
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Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry seeks volunteers

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry at 170 Pendexter Ave. has proudly served the community for more than 30 years.

Residents looking to join the tradition are welcome to do so, as the pantry requests the services of new volunteers to prepare meals in the kitchen on a monthly basis.

"Due to the pandemic, we have lost a lot of our long-term cooking group," said Ruben Reyes, executive director of Lorraine's. "We're looking for people to come together and help out; picking a day out of the month where they would be on a rotating schedule."

No cooking experience is necessary, but an open mind is encouraged. Reyes de-

scribed a team-friendly environment that enables participants to thrive.

"Even if you're timid or scared of the kitchen, we offer a friendly environment that will allow you to work with a team, getting the dinners prepared," said Reyes. "Teamwork really is the strength of our agency. Community is how we push our mission even further."

Meal preparation at the pantry typically occurs between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., as meals are served around 4 p.m. Volunteers would be asked to commit to the pantry's location on Pendexter Avenue.

Reyes made it resoundingly clear that individuals who are inexperienced in the kitchen are more than welcome.

"Our kitchen is very chef-friendly," said Reyes. "We don't cook meals that are too difficult to be prepared. We also like to go the extra mile for our clients and like to

have variety so we like to change up the menu. We're always open to individuals giving cooking suggestions and we're always looking to diversify the foods."

The pantry prioritized health and wellness long before the pandemic, and ample precautions are currently in place to prevent against the spread of COVID-19.

The pantry is operating at a limited capacity, and a sanitizing company regularly sprays down the facility. Sanitization stations have also been set up throughout the building, and sanitizers were implemented.

The pandemic has proven difficult for the pantry but it has stayed above water. Reyes expressed gratitude for the contributions made by numerous entities.

"The past year was, obviously, tricky, losing out on our major fundraisers. We had to become creative with filling the

holes," said Reyes. "That aspect of remaining afloat has come down to just the grants that have been open from different agencies. The community has really been able to get together and keep our mission going."

Monetary donations can be made out to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry and mailed to the pantry. The pantry's website at Lorrainessoupkitchen.com offers online payment options.

The donation of non-perishable food items is highly appreciated. Items that expire quickly cannot be accepted, but there are a variety of options available to residents looking to donate.

"Things that can be donated would be non-perishable goods, and that's really what we're asking for folks. We're always looking for peanut butter, soup, cereal, pasta, mac-n-cheese," said Reyes.

Happenings at the Chicopee Public Library coming up

Learn to cook Polish cuisine

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Library is pleased to join Chef Susan Maddox as she prepares some wonderful and tasty Polish dishes in a virtual class on Tuesday, June 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. In this program, guests will learn that using a recipe with only a few ingredients can provide incredible flavors when properly combined. She will provide some great culinary methods and techniques for making time in the kitchen fun and efficient. Email the library at atcpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org to register for this program and to receive the Zoom link.

This program was made possible with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (through a CARES Act Grant) and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Chicopee Public Library offers virtual calligraphy course

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Library is offering patrons the chance to learn the art of Chinese calligraphy with Xiao Jun Liu in a virtual class on Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn a bit

about the art of Chinese calligraphy, one of the most traditional art forms in the world. Xiou Jun was taught and inspired by her grandfather to practice Chinese calligraphy from a young age. Xiou Jun will teach patrons Chinese calligraphy with a modern twist. The library will supply the paper, ink and brushes. To register, email the library at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org, or call the Reference Desk at 413-594-1800, ext. 3.

This program is funded by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council. The Chicopee Cultural Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join the Chicopee Public Library for a little comedy improv

CHICOPEE – Join the Chicopee Public Library on Zoom for a night of improv on Tuesday, May 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. Email the library at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org and it will send out the Zoom link. This show is geared towards high school age and adults. Similar to the hit show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" our experienced improvisers present a non-stop lineup of improvised games and scenes, completely made up on the spot based on your suggestions and participation.

Happier Valley Comedy is the first and

only improv theater in Western Massachusetts. The library is very excited to open its physical space again when it can, but in the meantime, it is still bringing laughter and joy to people near and far with online shows and our new Happiness Programs for professional development and personal growth.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Learn how to trace a family tree

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Library is offering patrons a chance to learn how to trace their family tree. Join them virtually for Genealogy 101: First Steps in Tracing Your Family Tree with Julie Szczepankiewicz.

Please email the library at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org to register and get the session's Zoom link.

This is for anyone who has always wanted to learn more about their family history, but just didn't know where to start. She will demystify the process with an introduction to genealogy research that's geared toward novice researchers. Topics covered will include identification of research goals, organizing information, basic research methodology and evidence analy-


sis, and an introduction to some of the key websites that will help patrons gather information to build their family tree.

This program was made possible with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (through a CARES Act Grant) and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Outside magic show set for June 24

CHICOPEE – Outside on Thursday, June 24, from 2 to 3 p.m., the Chicopee Public Library will host magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have everyone laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of their seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and a member of the audience will unlock telekinetic abilities. See the show audiences are calling "Superb!", "A blast!" and "Heart-warming fun for the whole family." For more information visit Scott's website at www.scottjameson.com, or contact the library at 413-594-1800, ext. 4, or email edaly@cwmar.org.

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LUSO Federal Credit Union launches new ‘Credit Sense’ tool

LUDLOW – Rebuilding or establishing credit can help consumers save money over time, which is why LUSO Federal Credit Union recently launched Credit Sense, a financial education tool powered by SavvyMoney that allows members to take control of their finances.

“We’re always looking for ways that we can help our members pay down their debts and become more financially savvy,” said Jennifer M.G. Calheno, president and CEO of LUSO Federal Credit Union.

“This free service that we offer via our online banking and mobile app will help them to not only understand their current credit health but look into ways that they can improve it.”

Key Features of the new Credit Sense service are:

- Instant credit score access and improvement tips
- Recommendations for pre-qualified loans
- Credit report monitoring and alerts on credit changes
- Ability to dispute credit report items, if needed
- Tips on strengthening credit

A 2017 survey by Fiserve, Inc., a leading global provider of financial technology solutions, showed 64% of U.S. consumers think it’s important to know

their credit scores. While 39% said they already know their score, 48% said they know only the general range of their score and 13 percent indicated they have no clue what their score is, including 33% of millennials age 18 to 24.

“These figures give us insight into the pain points of the populations that we serve and allow us to appropriately plan products and services to help them increase their financial health,” Calheno said.

“Additionally, services like Credit Sense give LUSO the opportunity to increase engagement with our members via our online and mobile banking platforms, providing them with both educational resources and actionable steps to take control of their finances.”

Credit Sense offers instant access to members’ credit scores, credit reports, credit monitoring and money-saving tips, all at no-cost. Each time a member logs into online or mobile banking, they can view and monitor their credit score based on a soft pull of their credit, which will not penalize them for review.

Some customers, particularly seniors, who might not be as comfortable with digital technology as others need not feel intimidated about learning to use the tool.

“Our member service representatives are always available to help members (of any age) who might need help navigating

our online/mobile banking platforms and any features it offers,” Jennifer Lopez, marketing manager for LUSO, said.

Anyone can access help learning to navigate the tool 24 hours a day.

“We regularly update our website with step-by-step tutorials for online and mobile banking and other digital services,” Chief Lending Officer Jennifer Cowles said.

“Anyone who needs help to sign up for the Credit Sense service is encouraged to reach out to our Member Service Department, either in-branch, by telephone at 413-589-9966, or via our website chat feature.”

While other tools offer similar services, Cowles said LUSO’s offers more comprehensive features.

“Credit Sense is the only solution that provides comprehensive credit score analysis, full credit report, monitoring, and personalized



COURTESY PHOTOS
This is what the Credit Sense tool app looks like when accessed by a mobile device. The tool was created to help LUSO Federal Credit Union customers understand, establish and rebuild their credit rating.

offers for loan and credit card products, all within LUSO’s online and mobile banking platforms, and no separate login is required,” she said.

For those hoping to raise their credit scores, Credit Sense can help

“Credit Sense can help members take control of their financial wellness by explaining the factors that most impact their credit score and how to improve it,” Cowles said.

“Members who regularly review their score and take the necessary steps, often see an improvement in their credit score over time.”

To learn about LUSO Federal Credit Union’s new credit monitoring tool, visit lusofederal.com/credit-sense. To become a member, contact 844-LUSO-FCU or visit lusofederal.com/membership. LUSO is federal-ly insured by the NCUA and is an Equal Housing Lender.

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good to finally tell you that we have vaccines in the city. It’s been so long, and I’m just so happy. Let’s fill up these slots and let’s just crush COVID,” said Sanders.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau urged residents to get vaccinated and credited the first responders and medical professionals, who make the clinic possible.

Referencing the rising availability of COVID-19 testing and vaccines, Vieau expressed his belief that the state is making strong progress. Last Thursday, he emphasized the magnitude of the clinic’s opening.

“I have some scripted things that I’m not going to use; it’s not about being scripted today. It’s about getting the message out there. We’ve made vaccines available, and that was our goal,” said Vieau.

A number of speakers took to the podium at the Castle of the Knights on April 28. Among them was Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, who praised all involved in manning the clinic.

“The heroes that are in this room today are not behind the podium. They’re out in front of the podium. I want to thank each and every one of you for stepping up and doing the work that you do,” said Cocchi.

Cocchi acknowledged that vaccinations are controversial. Nonetheless, he encouraged residents to book an appointment, even if only for peace of mind.

“One vaccine at a time will allow us to open up this commonwealth and, then, that person, that family or that individual



Holyoke Community College nursing students Brittany Lord, Christine Briggs and Yamaira Bejesus came out to work the first day of the Chicopee regional vaccination clinic.

can feel confident about moving forward and doing so in a very safe and productive way,” said Cocchi.

Interim Holyoke Mayor Terence Murphy took to the microphone as well, thanking the students from Holyoke Community College’s nursing program, who are working the clinic. Murphy also delivered an important message to employers throughout the region.

“Without mandating, I would like to challenge employers to give your em-



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI
After months of waiting, vaccines are available at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee.



Lisa Sanders, Chicopee’s Health Director, was moved to tears during the opening of the regional vaccination site in the city.

ployees, especially those that are on low wages and can’t afford to give up a couple of hours in order to get vaccinated; to give them those hours with pay, which in the long run will make your business more successful and will allow the community to get together,” said Murphy.

South Hadley Emergency Management/Health Director Sharon Hart was on-hand to witness the opening on April 28; she commended the teamwork that led to the establishment of the regional clinic.

“This is amazing; the efforts they’ve put in to put this clinic together. Not only their efforts; they reached out to their neighbors, and it’s a collaborative effort. They’re our neighbors; they opened their arms, and we’re rolling up our sleeves,” said Hart.

One can schedule an appointment at the regional vaccination site by visiting Mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.

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Mayor John Vieau addresses the media at the Castle of Knights on April 28, as a regional vaccination clinic opens to residents.



Alongside a mix of municipal and state officials, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau offers a round of applause for the healthcare workers and first responders, who are manning Chicopee’s regional vaccination site.

Zoom Meditation with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Meditation with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 12 p.m.

Are you feeling stressed? Do you want to learn how to relax? Join us for Meditation on Zoom. This class is led by Michelle Zemba LMT. This is an online class. The Zoom link will be shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please call RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Please save the link as this will be the link you will use for each class.

Gentle exercise with Ryan via Zoom

CHICOPEE- The Council on Aging offers “Gentle Exercise with Ryan” Via Zoom, Mondays and Fridays at 12 p.m.

This class focuses on functional movement and fun. This is an online class. Join Ryan every Monday and Friday at 12 p.m. The Zoom link is shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please contact RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be emailed to you. Please save the Zoom link as that is the link you will use each class.

Tuesday yoga at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging will be offering Zoom Yoga on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Caitlin Lavin, Certified Yoga Instructor, will be leading classes. These classes are free and the Zoom links are available on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page or by calling (413) 534-3698.

Zoom Tai Chi with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Tai Chi with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Experience the many slow and gentle benefits of Tai Chi Fit/Qigong. The class is led by Michelle Zemba LMT, Certified in Tai Chi/Qigong. This is an online class. The Zoom link will be shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please call RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Please save the link as this will be the link you will use for each class.

RiverMills Center Transportation Services

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging’s Transportation Department is doing emergency rides to supermarkets, pharmacies and doctor’s appointment during COVID-19, for Chicopee seniors 60 and older.

Transportation service is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for Chicopee’s older adults. For reservations, please call 413-536-5733.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chicopee COA follows all CDC Safety Standards and adheres to all mandates from the City and State of Massachusetts.

A \$10,000 grant from West-Mass ElderCare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings.

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presence in Chicopee will help spread knowledge locally.

“With the flag here in Chicopee, people can get to know us for who we are,”

said Dhaliwal. “When people watch the news and see the flag, they’ll ask, ‘Who are these guys?’ The awareness is going up. We are not Muslim; we are Sikh. We believe in it. It’s very meaningful for me to have the flag here.”



Mayor John Vieau poses with members of Sikh Nation during a flag-raising ceremony held outside of City Hall last Tuesday.



Gurninder Dhaliwal speaks to the public on April 26 during the raising of a Sikh Nation flag in Chicopee Center.



Himmat Sindhu, a member of Sikh Nation, thanks Chicopee city officials for raising the Sikh flag in Chicopee Center on April 26.



Members of Sikh Nation raise a Sikh flag above Chicopee Center on April 26.



On April 26, Himmat Sindhu offered a token of appreciation to Mayor John Vieau on behalf of Sikh Nation.

Sikhism, a monotheistic faith, is the world’s fifth most popular religion. Approximately 24 million people identify as Sikhs, the majority of whom live in the Indian state of Punjab.

“The core beliefs of Sikhism include divine unity and equality of all human kind. This is a community that engages in selfless service and strives for justice for the benefit and prosperity of all,” said Bobbi Mabb, Vieau’s communications and special projects manager.

The April 26 gathering celebrated Vaisakhi Day. To the Sikh people, the day of worship carries considerable weight.

“This community celebrates Vaisakhi as the most important festival of the Sikhs, honoring the lives of the gurus and the Sikh martyrs,” said Mabb. “It is through these celebrations of diversity that we show our commitment to promoting the safety of everyone in our community above all else.”

Dalton Zbierski is a Staff Writer, who can be reached at dzbierski@turley.com.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

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 - 4. A hearty laugh
 - 8. Restrain
 - 10. Dried coconut kernels
 - 11. Nefarious
 - 12. Elderly
 - 13. Central part of a church building
 - 15. Throw into confusion
 - 16. Intestinal
 - 17. Qualities of being religious
 - 18. Live up to a standard
 - 21. Seize
 - 22. Go quickly
 - 23. Automated teller machine
 - 24. Bowling necessity
 - 25. One point east
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Beautiful
 - 2. Polynesian island country
 - 3. Shrub of the olive family
 - 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
 - 5. Shared one’s view
 - 6. Tailless amphibians
 - 7. Charge passengers must pay
 - 9. Sound sheep make
 - 10. Known for sure
 - 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
 - 14. Student (abbr.)
 - 15. Criticize
 - 17. Gathering place
 - 19. Informal
- of due south
 - 26. Japanese honorific
 - 27. A way to induce sleep
 - 34. Makes cash register rolls
 - 35. A city in S Louisiana
 - 36. Make more cheerful
 - 37. Manicurist
 - 38. Consents
 - 39. Network of nerves
 - 40. Mocking smile
 - 41. It covers the body
 - 42. Partner to pans
 - 43. Perform in a play
- alliances
 - 20. One’s mother (British)
 - 23. Landholder
 - 24. Peter’s last name
 - 25. Parties
 - 26. Title of respect
 - 27. Red wine
 - 28. Pearl Jam’s debut
 - 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 - 30. Frosts
 - 31. Cry of joy
 - 32. Induces vomiting
 - 33. Mother or father
 - 34. Dal __: Musical navigation marker
 - 36. Door fastener part

GUEST COLUMN

HISTORY MATTERS

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

May 1 to May 15

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
Guest columnists

On May 5, 1961, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. became the first American in space. It was just a 15-minute mission, memorable to the nation, but too late to outwit the competition. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin astounded the world when he orbited the earth, once, in the Vostok 1.

Shepard's Freedom 7 capsule, however, foreshadowed America's dominance; less than a decade later, the Apollo 11 mission "silenced" the Russians, and catapulted Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins to the moon.

Shepard was ranked fifth to walk the lunar surface after the Apollo 14 mission.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Light This Candle: The Life and Times of Alan Shepard," by Neal Thompson.

Transcontinental railroads

The American Revolution was an unexpected victory for the colonists. They won an immense land with a myriad of perks and perils, but the only way to traverse its complex vastness was to join a wagon train. It was a complicated and difficult crossing that many did not survive.

Then, on May 10, 1869, everything changed; two railroads completed the task of laying the tracks from "sea to shining sea." The presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads met at Promontory, Utah to drive the last spike into the rails of the nation's first transcontinental railway.

Seven years earlier, land grants and loans from Congress had equipped them with the fiscal flexibility to build, but according to History.com, "In their eagerness for land, the two lines built right past each other, and the final meeting place had to be renegotiated."

To learn more about how the West was subdued, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad," by Rhoda Blumberg.

Lewis and Clark

In order to determine what it would require to mollify a newly acquired, undomesticated expanse of land, President Jefferson determined that a survey was imperative; he selected two explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, to manage the mission.

America was just over 21-years-old, but the Louisiana Purchase transaction suddenly added 828,000 acres, and the equivalent of approximately 15 states.

Lewis and Clark started their journey in St. Louis with 55 men on May 14, 1804.

According to History.com, "The expedition traveled up the Missouri River in a 55-foot-long keelboat and two smaller boats. In November, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French-Canadian fur trader accompanied by his young Native American wife, Sacagawea, joined the expedition as an interpreter. The group wintered in present-day North Dakota before crossing into present-day Montana, where they first saw the Rocky Mountains.

They met up with the Shoshone Indians when they reached Colorado, crossed the Clearwater and Snake rivers in canoes, and followed the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 8, 1805.

Two and a half years later, the expedition returned, in triumph, to St. Louis with 33 men. They had mapped out new lands and brought back journals about the Indian tribes they encountered; scientific notes of the flora and fauna they encountered, and a claim to the Oregon Territory.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Sacajawea," by Joseph Bruchac.

GUEST COLUMN

If it didn't grow there, don't throw it there!

By Julie Midura
Correspondent

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." — Robert Swan

Now that spring has arrived and more and more people are flooding to the wilderness to enjoy some much needed outdoor therapy, I would like to talk about one of the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Otherwise known as LNT, Leave No Trace is a set of principles designed to educate visitors to the outdoors on how to leave as minimal impact as possible on the land.

Although there are seven principles of LNT, this column will focus on the one that I believe is the most widely violated: "Dispose of Waste Properly." This is otherwise known as "Carry in- Carry Out," or simply, "Don't litter."

You remember. It's what our mothers taught us when we were about 5-years-old.

Tom and I hiked 10 miles of trails last



While cleaning up the Facing Rock Wilderness Area, Tom finds a more comfortable way to cart out some of the nearly 20 pounds of trash he and Julie collected.



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Julie Midura with just some of the trash she and Tom collected in the Facing Rock Wilderness Area in Ludlow. The couple has many more miles of trails they plan to police.

weekend at the 1,200-acre Facing Rock Wilderness Area in our hometown of Ludlow, and we hauled out 19 pounds of trash. We picked up everything from beer cans, water bottles, and assorted wrappers to old buckets, scrap metal, and car parts. We still have miles and miles of trails to cover, and we plan to clean up every single one.

Why?

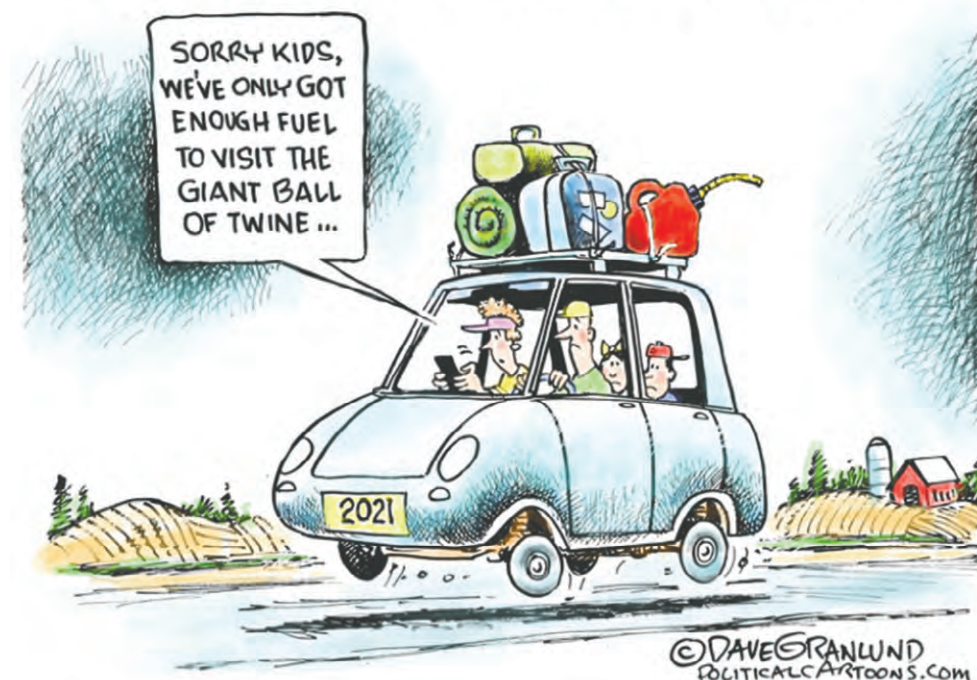
Because trash and litter in our outdoor spaces is unacceptable. We are blessed to have a beautiful wilderness area here in Ludlow, and it is our responsibility to keep it wild. The assortment of garbage on the trails not only detracts from the naturalness of an area, but can be extremely detrimental to the animals who live there and to the ecosystem itself.

If you spend time outside in nature, I urge you to research how long it takes for various items to break down in nature.

No, seriously... you can do it now. I'll wait.

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Summer gas shortage may affect plans...



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HCSSE ranks high in US News & World Report list

CHICOPEE – The list of the top high schools across the country is out and one Chicopee school earned high marks.

According to US News & World Report, Hampden Charter School of Science East is No. 2 in the Springfield, Mass. metro area, No. 39 in Massachusetts and No. 872 in the nation (among the top 3 per-

cent). Among charter schools nationwide, HCSSE ranks No. 175.

Hampden Charter School of Science is a college preparatory free public charter school serving students from grades 6-12. HCSS East is a regional school serving students who live in Springfield, Chicopee, West Springfield and Ludlow.

NAMI holding virtual Walk-a-thon

AGAWAM – The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 21st Annual Virtual Walk-a-thon, ‘A Journey of Hope and Recovery’ on May 23 beginning at 11 a.m.

The event is suitable for all ages and abilities. Funds raised will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help increase awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for the people in our community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to Building Better Lives for all those affected by mental illness. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and fam-

ilies affected by mental illness can Build Better Lives.

Join us and have a fun time while supporting a great cause. Among the festivities will be guest speakers, arts, activities, peer videos, music and raffles. Please help NAMI-WM’s mission by participating in this Virtual Walk or by sponsoring the event. If you would like to submit a brief video saying how NAMI-WM has helped you or a loved one or how you maintain good mental health during these difficult times, these would be most appreciated. It should be two minutes or less, and the submission deadline May 8, email through <https://transfer.pcloud.com> to information@namiwm.org. For further information please contact our office at 413-786-9139 or visit us at www.namiwm.org/ events for entry and sponsorship forms.

Derek Girouard presents research at Assumption symposium

WORCESTER – Derek Girouard, of Chicopee, was one of 38 students selected to present an original academic research project at Assumption University’s 27th annual Undergraduate Symposium, held virtually April 19.

The symposium showcases academic research and scholarly achievements of Assumption students working in collaboration with dedicated faculty mentors. The Undergraduate Symposium provides the campus community with the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of and applaud the indi-

vidual and collective accomplishments of faculty and students.

Girouard, a member of the Class of 2021, presented “Porphyrins and Porphyrin Applications.” His presentation examined Porphyrinse, a macrocyclic compound that can be modified in a myriad of ways, and its useful and unique applications. For example, Porphyrin derivatives can be used in processes to treat cancerous tumors and have potential to be widely utilized in therapeutic treatments as they are further studied and adapted to these roles.

Department of Children and Families seeks volunteers

REGION – Volunteers are needed from Western Massachusetts to help review cases involving children who are placed in the custody of the state.

The Foster Care Review Unit makes decisions regarding children who are placed in foster care for six months or longer, assessing how well their needs are being met and what progress has been made toward establishing them in a permanent living situation. A Volunteer from the Community is one member of

the three-person panels that make these decisions.

Foster Care Reviews typically last 30 to 90 minutes and are being conducted remotely during the pandemic. Volunteers need to be 18 years or older and must participate in pre-service training that is currently being conducted remotely. For an application and further information, please contact Lashanda Stone at Lashanda.Stone@Mass.Gov.

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couraged to visit the municipal testing site. Test results will be returned within 24 hours.

Testing at the site is free and available to Chicopee residents, employees and business owners. Vieau stressed the importance of testing.

“Tests get you out of the general population if you’re positive and force you to quarantine,” said Vieau. “That’s how you rid COVID-19 from our city, and I want to thank the residents of Chicopee for doing their part because we are finishing strong as a city. I couldn’t be more proud of that.”

On May 4, there were 202 active cases of COVID-19 in Chicopee. A total of 4,309 cases have been reported in the city since the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 3,961 residents have recovered; 26 others succumbed to the novel coronavirus.

Numerous COVID-19 vaccination sites are currently operational in Chicopee. A partnership between the city and Holyoke Health Center is allowing 160 individuals to be inoculated each week day in the lower level of the RiverMills Senior Center.

The regional site that opened on April 28 was open this week on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be open again on May 12 and 13.

On May 4, the clinic administered 212 doses of the Moderna vaccine. Vieau advises residents to book their appointments.

“I encourage everyone who needs a vaccine to take advantage of the opportunity,” said Vieau. “We’re here to help. We want to make sure that, for everyone who wants a vaccine, it is available. It’s available in many locations throughout the city, and that’s the way we’ll get back to the new normal.”

Chicopee residents seeking assistance in scheduling an appointment can call the Mayor’s Office at 413-594-1500 or the Council on Aging at 413-534-3698.

During his May 4 mayor’s briefing, Vieau announced a second partnership with HHC, one that will begin next week.

“[HHC has] a partnership with a large medical center, they have a bus, they are going to start in Holyoke this week on Friday, and they’re going to start bringing vaccines to neighborhoods,” said Vieau. “Next week, with HHC and their partnership, we plan to be able to bring vaccine to neighborhoods starting with Willimansett.”

HHC is currently working with the Chicopee Housing Authority to bring doses of the vaccine to the residents of the Housing Authority. The distribution effort could soon impact neighborhoods throughout Chicopee.

Vieau expressed great excitement regarding the venture.

“It’s going to be every other week;

they’re going to do Holyoke for a week and then Chicopee for a week and then Holyoke and then Chicopee. We’re excited about this, and for people who can’t get to a vaccine site, we’re going to do our best to bring the vaccine site to you,” said Vieau.

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STCC announces registration for summer, fall classes

SPRINGFIELD – Registration is open for summer and fall classes at Springfield Technical Community College, a flexible and affordable opportunity for students enrolled at STCC or another college or university.

STCC offers morning and evening on campus classes as well as online instruction. The courses include general education classes that are guaranteed to transfer to the University of Massachusetts, Westfield State University and other institutions and offer a cost savings. Electives also are available.

Summer sessions are divided into three blocks for students' convenience:

Summer Session 1: June 7-July 9

Summer Session 1E (extended): June 7-Aug. 12

Summer Session 2: July 12-Aug. 12

“Summer session offers a chance for any student to catch up or get ahead,” said Richard Greco, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. “Summer classes are available not just for STCC students. We also welcome students from other colleges and universities who find that taking a class at STCC is a great experience and a fraction of the cost of a class at their own school.”

General education classes available for summer include English, history, math, among other subjects. Federal financial aid is available for students who qualify. Additionally, students who receive a federal Pell Grant often qualify for additional Pell funding during the summer.

Because the Pell grant money does not need to be paid back, students who

qualify can effectively take the courses for free. Students should contact Student Financial Services to discuss if they qualify. Email sfs@stcc.edu or call 413-755-4214 and leave a voicemail.

For more information, including how to register, visit stcc.edu/summer.

Registration for fall classes also is open at STCC, which was ranked as the fourth best community college in the United States by Academic Influence, a college-ranking system.

STCC offers a variety of instructional methods allowing students to choose the course delivery option that best suits their needs, from on campus to online or hybrid.

The college provides a pathway to certificates and associate degrees as well as transfer opportunities to four-year col-

leges and universities.

“Some students have decided to start their college career at STCC instead of a four-year institution when they consider the cost,” Greco said. “STCC is the most affordable college in Springfield and is a fraction of the cost of a private college.”

STCC student Christopher Goossens, of Hampden, enrolled at STCC after spending a semester at Amherst College. He said the cost of attending STCC was a major factor in his decision.

“The teachers are all amazing people. They’re kind, they care and they’re actually involved. They show genuine concern,” Goossens said.

To apply for fall, visit stcc.edu/apply. For questions, call Admissions at 413-755-3333.

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Crazy, right?!

I thought the same thing when I researched it! Two years for a banana peel to decompose. Over three years for a pistachio shell. Up to 200 years for an aluminum can, and 450 years for a water bottle! I don’t know about you, but the thought that my great-great-great-grandchildren will be looking at the same garbage that I’m looking at while enjoying time in the wilderness is not something that I can accept. And it makes no difference whether the garbage is “organic” or “artificial” – trash is trash, and it doesn’t belong in our sacred outdoor spaces.

I believe that it’s our responsibility to treat the wilderness the same way we treat

our own homes. In all seriousness, when we’re at home and we finish eating an orange or drinking a beer, do we throw the peel or the can on the floor in our kitchens? Do we drop the empty potato chip bag on our lawn and leave it there after we have a barbecue in our backyard? Of course not.

Then why do we think it’s acceptable to do it when we’re in the woods?

When Tom and I see empty cans and bottles when we’re hiking, we shake our heads in disbelief. We just can’t understand how someone had the energy to carry it into the woods when it was full and weighed almost a pound, yet lacked the stamina to carry it back out once it was empty and weighed less than an ounce.

I ask each of you to please join Tom

and I in our efforts to help clean up our outdoor spaces this spring by:

Carrying gloves and a plastic bag for the trash that you find while you’re spending time outdoors.

Organizing a cleanup day at your local trail.

Sharing your knowledge about LNT with those around you, especially with your children.

We all need to be part of the solution.

We owe it to each other.

We owe it to those who will come after us.

And, we owe it to the natural places that many of us call home.

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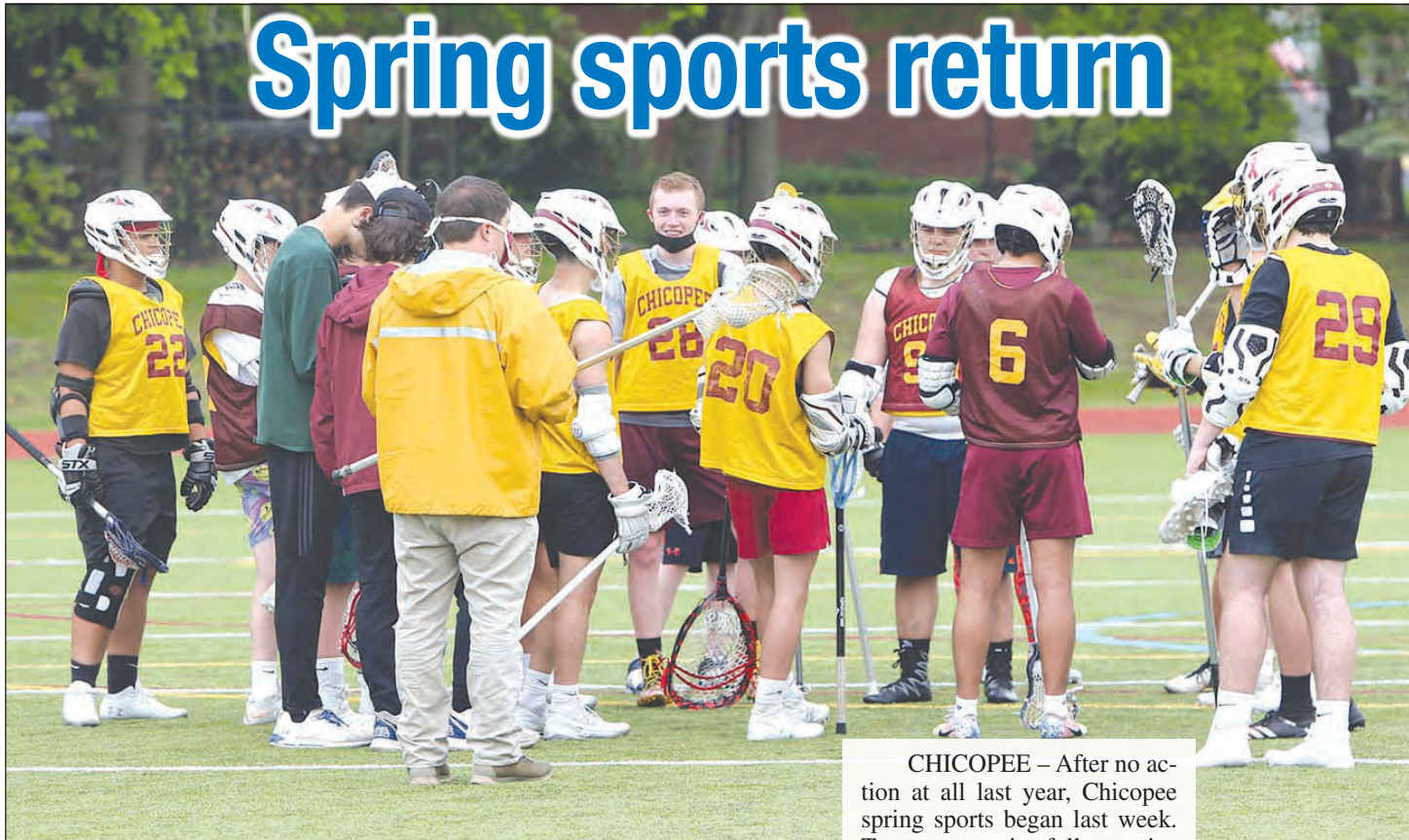
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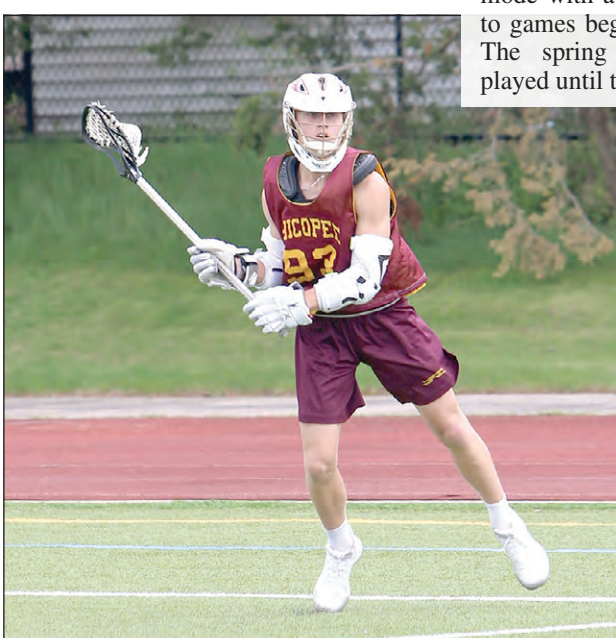


The Chicopee High School boys lacrosse team talks before beginning practice.

CHICOPEE – After no action at all last year, Chicopee spring sports began last week. Teams were in full practice mode with a quick turnaround to games beginning this week. The spring season will be played until the end of June.



Trevor Poirier goes on a sprint with the ball.



Trey Terlik winds back for a pass.



Michael Thomas looks across the field looking to make a pass.

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MIAA approves modified rules for wrestling

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Though it came down to the last minute, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has approved modifications for high school wrestling that will allow for competition to take place during the spring season.

Last Friday, the MIAA Board of Directors held a special meeting to approve modifications to the sport after the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs officially cleared wrestling for Level 3 competition. Level 3 competition allows dual meets to take place.

Wrestling is normally a winter sport, so participation will ultimately be up to the individual schools. Some may or may not be participating due to numbers, especially with multiple sports going in the spring such as baseball, lacrosse, and track.

Like all other high school sports, the MIAA is requiring wrestlers to wear face masks to participate. Wrestling is one of the most close contact sports that is offered for high schoolers, and officials deferred allowing the sport to take place in the last possible high school season in order to allow the vaccination effort to gain traction.

Among the highlighted rules for high school wrestling, masks are not only required for the participants, but all those involved, including coaches, facility personnel, and officials. Spectators will also likely be allowed in a limited ca-

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Tri-County Baseball League legend Oliveira passes away

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – With just a month to go before the season is set to begin, the Tri-County Baseball League, and the region at-large are mourning the loss of a league legend, as well as a Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Famer.

Karl Oliveira, who played in the Tri-County League for almost 40 years, passed away at the age of 57. When news of his passing began circulating last Monday, April 26, it was a shockwave throughout the entire Western Massachusetts baseball community, including his own team, and even his competition.

Oliveira's legacy in the Tri-County League began when he was just 17-years-old. He made the Fenton's of Amherst roster. He moved around

the league for 10 years before coming to agreement for the St. Joseph's Club to sponsor a Tri-County team, and St. Joseph was once again a part of the league after leaving it for nearly 20 years. Oliveira served as a player-manager for the team and became an active participant in the league's leadership, serving as the league's secretary for many years.

St. Joseph's has been a mainstay in the league since that time. Oliveira enjoyed the competition of the league as well as participating in other baseball in the region, including the Full Count League, which was eventually absorbed by Tri-County.

Following news of his passing, social media was flooded with comments from his teammates to his competition, one of them even calling Oliveira the

"Godfather of Western Mass. Baseball."

Oliveira's legendary status was confirmed just two years ago when he was inducted into the Western Mass. Baseball Hall of Fame.

While Oliveira at times had taken on a more reserve role, he still continued to actively play in games at the age of 55. He would often play first base or serve as a designated hitter for St. Joe's, continuing to play under the lights at the old field in Thorn-dike. He was set to participate in the 2021 season prior to his passing. Like many, the pandemic cancelled his 2020 season and he was itching to get back on the field.

"This is sad news," said Bill Bathel, who previously was a coach for DiFranco Real-

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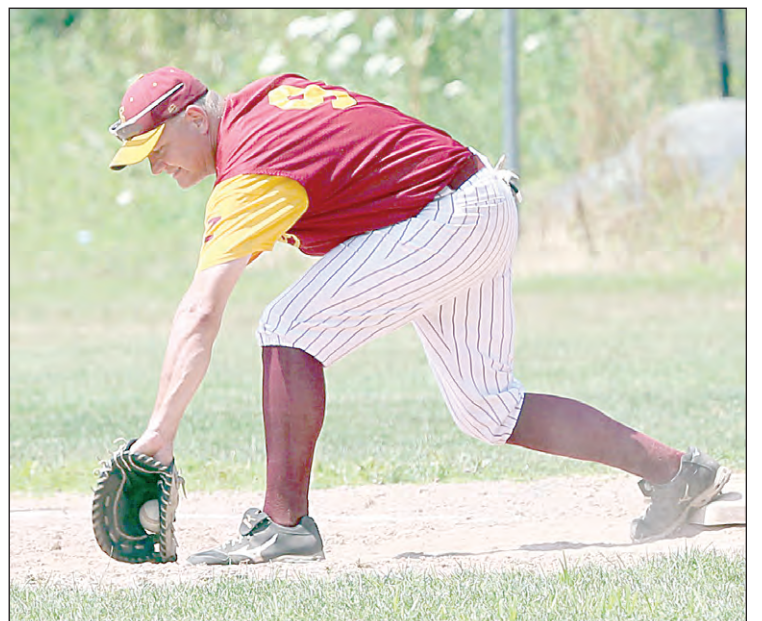


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Karl Oliveira, a Western Mass. Baseball Hall of Famer and longtime player-manager for St. Joe's of the Tri-County League, passed away last week at the age of 57.

Pioneers ready to get back on the pitch

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — After the 2020 soccer season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the members of the Western Mass. Pioneers and the New England Mutiny are eager to start playing matches again at historic Lusitano Stadium.

“Everyone has been impacted by the pandemic during the past year,” said Joe Ferrara Jr., the Pioneers first-year General Manager and the Mutiny Managing Director. “The players and coaches from both teams are itching to get back out on the pitch and play some soccer. It should be another exciting season.”

The last time the Pioneers played a match at Lusitano Stadium was a 1-0 shutout victory versus Manhattan SC on July 6, 2019. They then wrapped up the 2019 regular season with a 2-1 win at Manhattan SC the following weekend.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast Division standings with an 11-0-3 mark in 2019, began the USL League Two playoffs by dispatching the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the Eastern Conference semifinals at Gurski Stadium in Reading, Pennsylvania. Their outstanding season came to an end twenty-four hours later following a 1-0 loss to Reading United AC in the Conference finals.

The Pioneers are scheduled to return to action for the first time in almost two years by hosting Fall River FC in a friendly at Lusitano Stadium at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. No Spectators will be al-



Ben Brewster starts a move up the field. The Pioneers will be back in 2021.

lowed to attend the preseason match.

There is a very good chance many of the Pioneers faithful supporters will be able to attend the first home match of the regular season against the Seacoast United Phantoms on May 21. A new state guideline which goes into effect on May 10, will increase the capacity from 12% to 25% at all indoor and outdoor stadiums in Massachusetts.

“We’re currently working with the

Ludlow Board of Health on the situation, but we’re really hoping to welcome our fans back to the stadium at some point this season,” Ferrara said. “We want everyone to feel safe at our matches. I feel like our safety protocols are second to none. Sports have always been an important part of our community.”

All of the Pioneers home matches this season are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Their other six home matches will be against FC Malaga City (June 4), AC Connecticut (June 11), Black Rock FC (June 18), Boston Bolts (June 26), AC Connecticut (July 2), and Black Rock FC (July 9).

For more information about how to purchase tickets online please visit wmpioneers.com.

Federico Molinari, who’s a former Pioneers player, returns as the head coach.

“Federico and his players did a tremendous job winning the conference title in 2019,” Ferrara said. “Federico and I have been working very well together during the offseason. He has a passion for the game of soccer. He also has a lot of international contacts.”

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and John Voight.

A couple of returning Pioneers players are Guillermo Deal, Blake Mullen, Connor Hicks, and Maxi Viera, who’s the girls’ varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School.

Viera and Deal were two of the nine players from Uruguay listed on the Pio-



Guillermo Deal tries to settle a ball during one of the last games played in 2019.

neers 2019 roster. There were also players from France, Spain, and Argentina, which is Molinari’s home country.

“We do have a lot of international players on this year’s roster,” Ferrara said. “A couple of the foreign players are members of a college soccer team in the United States. Some of them are looking for professional opportunities.”

Mullen, who’s from Manchester, Connecticut, was the Pioneers starting goalkeeper in 2019. He only allowed seven goals during the regular season and was selected to the All-League team. He also received the USL League Two Golden Glove Award.

Back in 2016, Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School, scored the game winning goal in overtime against Cohasset in the Division 4 state championship match. Hicks is also a member of the AIC men’s soccer team.

The Mutiny played their home matches at several different high school in Western Massachusetts, before moving to Lusitano Stadium in 2019.

“The Mutiny had a great first season at Lusitano Stadium two years ago,” Ferrara said. “We also had great weather for all of our home games, which helped bring even more fans to our games.”

The Mutiny, who celebrated their 20th season in 2019, finished the regular season with an 8-0-2 record.

Just like the Pioneers, the Mutiny finished in first place in the league standings and advanced into the Eastern

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Several defenders create a way to block a free kick. The season kicks off this week with an exhibition match.



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Rameau takes win in Monadnock season opener

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Sam Rameau dominated early, restarted deep in the field after a pit stop, drove to the front, made a pass for the lead, and rolled to Victory Lane. The Westminster, Massachusetts, native, and driver for Rameau Family Motorsports, was victorious in the season-opener for the Tri Track Open Modified Series presented by All Phases Renovations at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, May 1.

In the Wonder Casino 100, Rameau made a late pass on Ron Silk to score the \$6,000 winning check — besting more than 30 cars that showed up to the Winchester, New Hampshire oval. Silk crossed the line second, with defending series champion Matt Hirschman third.

Rameau pitted from the lead, along with the rest of the field, during a caution period just after halfway. He restarted outside the top-15 and his chances of winning at that point appeared slim. But the rising Modified talent worked his way to the front.

“I was just going at my own pace early, and we came in and I’m not going to lie, I was really nervous over the radio,” Rameau said. “With 40 laps to go, I said there was no way we were winning the race. The car just rolled the outside great. We all come here for the same reason. It’s



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sam Rameau won the Tri Track Open Modified series opener last Saturday afternoon at Monadnock Speedway.

really cool. I just really can’t thank my guys enough. They do a great job.”

Two-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore and Les Hinckley finished the top-five. Ben Byrne was sixth, followed by Woody Pitkat, Anthony Nocella, NASCAR Cup Series driver Ryan Preece and Joey Cipriano III.

Devin O’Connell advanced the most positions during the race, scoring the Green Construction, LLC Hard Charger

award, worth \$500. Earlier in the day, Justin Bonsignore, Woody Pitkat, Earl Paules and Ben Byrne won heat races, scoring \$300 each courtesy of Pepsi and the Pepsi Challenge. Anthony Sesely and Brian Robie also scored \$300 each from Pepsi with consi race wins.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track at Star Speedway in New Hampshire on Saturday, May 22. For more information on the Tri Track

Open Modified Series, visit tritrackmodifieds.com and follow the series on social media.

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- Matt Hirschman
- Chase Dowling
- Les Hinckley
- Ben Byrne
- Woody Pitkat
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ty. “Karl was a leader of the league, of a team, of men, women, and children. And above all, a true and sincere friend.”

Tommy Bouvier, a member of his top competition over the past decade PeoplesBank, said Karl was a great part of the league and someone he enjoyed playing against.

“It’s a huge loss for the league and for the Town of Palmer,” said Bouvier.

“He was one of the most committed people I have ever met.”

Oliveira’s life was celebrated earlier this week.

“You are an inspiration to all baseball lovers,” said Brian Hayes. “You live by simple rules, balls and strikes, fair or foul. I loved being your teammate and loved competing against you. For the past 20 years I’ve watched you share your greatness with us. Thank you, and thank you to your family for sharing.”

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capacity with indoor gathering numbers of the increase beginning on May 10.

While many wrestlers are used to participating in large tournaments on the weekend, that will not be the case. There also will not be any dual meet tournaments. Only team versus team duals meets are allowed during the spring season, and at the most, three teams are allowed to participate in a given event.

Weigh-ins are a big part of the sport. The MIAA is encouraging each school to hold morning weigh-ins with no additional weigh-ins prior to the meet. A rule allowing the plus-three at night will not be allowed for the modified season.

Another big part of the wrestling

season will be the possibility of competition taking place in the open air. Schools participating in the wrestling season are being encouraged to hold meets outdoors.

There are only a few major match modifications that have been put in place. There will be frequent sanitization of mats and for participants. Referees will need to stop matches in instances where protective ear guards come off. There will be no handshakes before, and after matches. The referee will also only point to winners instead of raising their hands.

Competitions for all spring sports, including wrestling, were set to start this week.

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Conference finals of the United Women’s Soccer league.

After defeating the Long Island Rough Riders, 3-0, at home in the semi-finals, the Mutiny’s outstanding season come to an end following a 2-1 loss to the Lancaster Inferno at the stadium two days later.

Jeb Booth returns as the Mutiny head coach following a very successful first season at the helm.

“Jeb is an outstanding soccer coach, and he loves coaching this team,” Ferrara said. “All of the players respect him.”

Matt Johnson, who coached the AIC women’s soccer team for nine seasons and is the first-year head women’s soccer coach at Franklin Pierce, will be an assistant coach for the Mutiny this season.

While the Pioneers roster is made up of mostly international players, most of the Mutiny players are from Western Massachusetts.

“The talent pool has been rich in this

area during the past couple of seasons,” Ferrara said. “We have players from ten different communities in Western Mass.”

A few of the local Mutiny players are Jocelyn Trajkovski (Ludlow), Trystin Burger (Granby), Kayla Henry (Belcher-town), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Lily Fabian (Monson), Brooke Murphy (Monson), Nissa Pereira (Ludlow) and Ela Kopec (Ludlow).

The Mutiny home opener is scheduled to be against the Scorpions SC, who are a first-year team from the Boston area, on May 15.

Their other home matches, which will all begin at 7 p.m., are against CT Rush (May 22), NJ Copa FC (June 5), Syracuse DA (June 19), and the L.I. Rough Riders (July 10).

If fans are allowed to attend soccer matches at Lusitano Stadium this season, it’ll be a good sign that things are finally getting back to normal again. The home fans also help energize both the Pioneers and Mutiny players.

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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, 17 Springfield St., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Business A to Residential A for 19,963 square feet of property located at 6 Knapp St. for the purpose of a subdivision. Applicant – Alston Graham, 91 Ames Road, Hampden, MA 01036.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>). You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 05/07, 05/14/2021

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Special Permit application under section 275-52 (B) (3) for the purpose of a garage that is not accessory to a primary structure to allow subdivision of the property by ANR to create new building lot on Moore St. and leave existing home on a second lot on 61 Van Horn St. located at 61 Van Horn St. Applicant – David McGeary, 87 Blueberry Hill Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01006.

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Special Permit application under 275-58 (C) (4) for the purpose of all alcohol beverage license located at 66 Cabot St. Applicant – Orlando Roberts, 66 Cabot St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

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Special Permit application under 275-72 for the purpose of establishment of an adult-use marijuana establishment with the provisions of MGL Chapter 94G, "Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed" located at 77 Champion Dr. with one (1) waiver request: Waiver #1 Reduction in the planted vegetated buffer requirement from 100' to +/- 91.5' along the southern property boundary and from 100' to 0' along the western boundary to accommodate existing stormwater management infrastructure. Applicant - Mass Alternative Care, Inc., Kevin Collins, 1247 East Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

Special Permit application under section 275-70 for the purpose of establishment of a medical marijuana facility in accordance with the Acts of 2012, Chapter 369, entitled "An act for the Humanitarian Use of Marijuana" with four (4) waiver requests located at 77 Champion Dr.: (1) Waiver #1 for an additional 6643 square feet of gross floor area beyond the 50,000 square feet as noted in the zoning ordinance. (2) Waiver #2 for 24/7 operations from the restricted hours of 8:00 pm to 8 am per the zoning ordinance. (3) Waiver #3 to reduce the residential setback from 300 feet to +/- 100 feet. (4) Waiver #4 for compliance with the MA Department of Public Health signage requirements. Applicant- Mass Alternative Care, Inc., Kevin Collins, 1247 East Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Ordinance Amendment - Delete in its entirety Chapter 275-66 A and insert revised Chapter 275-66A Burnett Road. Full text available in the Office of the City Council. Applicant: Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz, City Council Office, City Hall Annex, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

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Special Permit application under 275-40 (G) for the purpose of reduction in required number of parking spaces from 18 to 16 spaces located at 675 Fuller Road. Applicant - Mike Laser Enterprises, LLC, c/o David LaVenture, 428 East Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD21P0792EA Estate of: Robert L Arcouette, Jr. Date of Death: 02/27/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elizabeth Anne Arcouette** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth Anne Arcouette** of Feeding Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/28/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 30, 2021

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Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD21P0700EA Estate of: Leo Joseph Grimard Also Known As: Leo Date of Death: March 20, 1989 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joan M Ozga** of Chicopee, MA. **Joan M Ozga** of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 05/07/2021

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on **May 14, 2021** at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD21E0004PPI

To Laurie A Lemay of Deer Isle, Maine as a Joint

Tenant and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Keith M Lemay and Wayne J Lemay, both of Chicopee in the County of Hampden representing that they hold as joint tenants an undivided part or share of land lying in Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land on Parcel 1 at 773 McKinstry Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts may be sold at private sale for not less than Two Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$260,000.00) Dollars and all of said land on Parcel 2 at 783 McKinstry Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts may be sold at private sale for not less than One Hundred Ninety-five Thousand (\$195,000.00) Dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **18th day of June, 2021**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighth day of April, 2021.

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate & Family Court
04/23, 04/30, 05/07/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD21P0772EA
Estate of: Brenda K Wilk
Date of Death: 02/06/2021
CITATION ON

PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Betty LaBelle** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:**Betty LaBelle** of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/01/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 04, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/07/2021

AROUND THE REGION

FEMA provides funeral assistance support to those who have lost loved ones

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020, under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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Bottoms Up: Community gets behind Square One's need for diapers

SPRINGFIELD – Several community groups are coming together to support the Square One's growing need for emergency diapers.

Six Flags New England, Pride Stores and the Junior League of Greater Springfield are joining forces to collect much-needed diapers for children and families in the greater Springfield region.

"Typically, we supply emergency diapers to about 1,200 families each year," says Kristine Allard, vice president of development and communication for Square One. "When the COVID crisis struck, we saw an immediate and sharp increase in requests due to limited access and job loss. Over the past year, we have provided diapers to over 2,800 families. We are thrilled to have the support of these amazing organizations to help us fill this important need."

The Diaper Drive to support the Baby Bottoms Diaper Bank will happen on May 21, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Sixteen Acres Pride Store at 1110 Wilbraham Road, and on May, 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Longmeadow Pride Store, at 1730 Longmeadow St., in Longmeadow.

Diaper donations of a case or more (valued at \$14.99 or greater) are eligible to receive one complimentary ticket to Six Flags New England a Pride gift card. (Restrictions apply.)

Formed in 2014, the Baby Bottoms Diaper Bank supplies free emergency diapers and wipes throughout the greater Springfield region. Led by Square One, the program is a partnership of Gray House, Open Pantry, Family Resource Center, Springfield Public Libraries, Caring Health Center WIC and Tapestry Health WIC.

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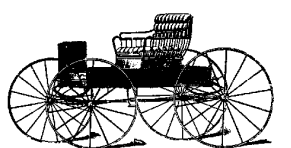
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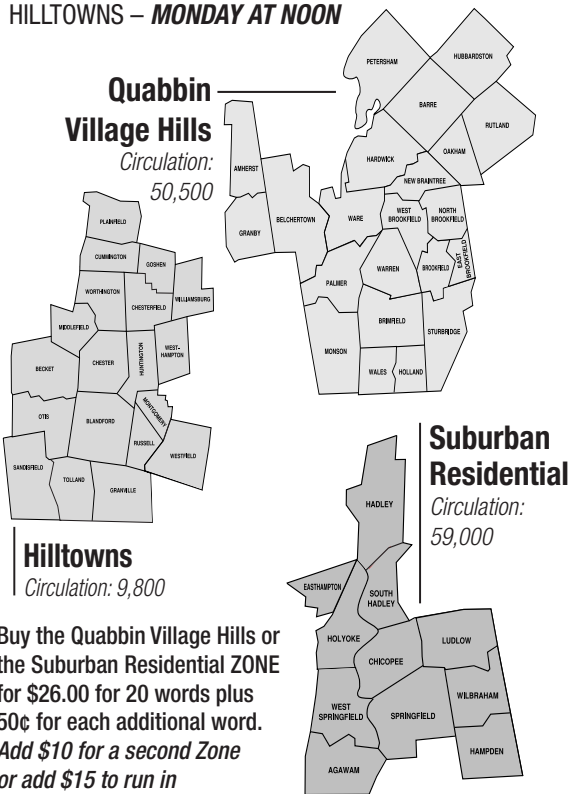
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